Trials of Neem based contraceptive for use of women

2445. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that close on heels of the beta HCG-Vaccine (the first ever contraceptive to make use of a women's own immune system), the N.I.I. (National Institute of Immunology) has embarked on clinical trials of a neem based contraceptive; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the trials on the efficiency of Beta-HCG vaccines and the main features of the new neem-based contraceptive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Beta HCG vaccine was tried on 152 women. All these women developed antibody titre against HCG. The efficacy of this vaccine in prevention of pregnancy in women whose antibody titres are above 50 mg/ml of HCG binding capacity has been proved.

Shortage of oral conraceptive and IUDs

2446. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Contraceptive shortage hits FP scheme" appeared in the Pioneer of 19th October, 1992;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that acute shortage of (Nargestrol) oral contraceptives and IUDs has adversely affected the family planning programme this year; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to ensure regular supplies of these basic materials for implementation of the population control programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There has been some shortage. Supplies of oral pills are now being made to the States. Consequent to finalisation of rate contracts by DGS&D of IUD, production has started. Effective monitoring is being done to ensure that supplies are expeditiously made available.

Suggestion on composition of oral Dehydration Solution

2447. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has suggested a formula in respect of composition of oral dehydration solution;

(b) if so, whether the Indian manufacturers of oral dehydration solution are adhering to the said formula;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that oral dehydration solution available in the country conforms to the standard formula ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Indian manufacturers of Oral Rehydrating solutions (ORS) manufacture ORS as per its composition in the India Pharmacopoeia; the Indian Pharmacopoeia has introduced three formulae of ORS, including that of the World Health Organisation. Two of the three approved formulae are as per WHO's recommendation : the third formula is under review.

Drive against Illegal Medical Practitioners

2448. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a a fact that the Delhi Administration recently launched a drive against medical practitioners in the city who are called as quacks and whose qualifications are not recognised by the Delhi Medical Association;

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against such medical practitioners ?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is subjudice.

Disparity in benefits on Family Planning

2449. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the disparity in the benefits given to the persons who have undergone family planning operation from urban areas and the rural areas;

(b) the total amount spent on such incentives on benefits in the urban areas and in the rural areas; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove such disparities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Under the existing scheme of cash compensation for sterilisation/IUD insertions, the Government of India pays to the States/UTs a sum of Rs. 200/180/12 for each cash of Vesectomy/Tubectomy/IUD insertions. Out of the Rs.. 200/180 for each case of Vasectomy/Tubectomy, the acceptors gets Rs. 100 irrespective of the fact whether he/she belongs to urban areas or rural areas. There is absolutely no discrimination on this score.

An amount of Rs. 100 crores is allocated to the States/UTs for this purpose annually. Out of this, approximately Rs. 50 crores gets distributed to the acceptors of sterilisation/IUD insertions.

Contaminated and Substandard Glucose Bottles

2450. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drugs Laboratory had declared 30,000 bottles of glucose as highly contaminated and substandard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same glucose bottles had earlier been declared as of standard quality by the Drugs Controller of Delhi and the Drugs Controller of India;

(c) if so, the reasons for the contradictory pronouncements in respect of "OSLERS" case; and

(d) whether I. V. Fluids are classified as "LIFE SAVING DRUGS" and presance of contaminants/fungus in I. V. Fluids can cause fatal reactions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTH) : (a) On the basis of the request of Central Bureau of Investigation, the Central Drugs Inspector, North Zone, randomly drew samples of 20 batches and sent them to the Central Drugs Laboratory for test and analysis. Out of these samples, 14 were found not of standard quality for the reason that they contained fungus; one failed in Pyrogen test and the remaining 5 were declared to be to standard quality.

(b) Earlier, the Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration, had taken samples of 11 batches of I.V. Fluids from the premises of M/s. Eskay Pharmaceutical, New Delhi. These samples on analysis, were declared to be of standard quality by the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

(c) Samples of different batches of I.V. Fluids were taken for test separately and at different time by the Inspectors of Delhi Administration and the Central Government. Further, the analysis of samples was done by two different loboratories whose reports were independent of each other.